

**REMARKS**

The present invention relates to a fuel tank for a motor vehicle and to a method for producing such fuel tank, in which the inner face of the fuel tank is processed with a specific coating agent; this improves the combustion process and decreases fuel consumption and the emission of pollutants.

In the Office Action of October 4, 2004, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) based on the Wright reference in view of the Ichikawa reference. There were no other rejections. An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 was filed in response thereto, but did not result in allowance of the application, as indicated in the Advisory Action issued January 26, 2005.

Accordingly, this Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is filed, and in accordance with this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, claim 1 has been amended to further specifically define the synthetic resin binder, by setting forth a Markush recitation which is supported by the disclosure in the specification, e.g., by the sentence bridging pages 8-9.

Applicants respectfully submit that with the synthetic resin binder as are now specifically set forth in independent claim 1, the previous rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Wright in view of Ichikawa has been overcome, and remaining claims 1-5, 7-12, and 14-20 are now in condition for immediate allowance.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
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Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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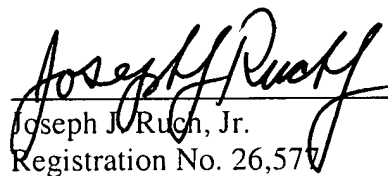
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